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Centre for Native Education

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Wisahkecahk and the partridges

Once, long ago, Wisahkecahk saw some young partridges in a nest. "Little brothers, partridges, what is your name?" asked Wisahkecahk. "But you just did name us, when you said partridges. That is the only name we have." Wisahkecahk replied: "No, little brothers! You must think. You have some other name besides." The young partridges spoke thus: "Truly, our parents do say to us *little startlers*." Wisahkecahk laughed out loud. "Pshaw! Fine ones these are to startle anyone! You could never scare anybody!" Wisahkecahk really made fun of them.

When the parents of those young partridges came home, they saw that their children were crying and they asked them what was wrong. "It is Wisahkecahk! He has insulted us by laughing at our name, little startlers." "Well, let us get all our brothers and sisters together. Wisahkecahk is at the creek right now. We shall make him the laughing-stock of all partridges for what he has said to our children." Accordingly, a great number of partridges hid on both sides of the creek. There, Wisahkecahk was holding a contest with himself. He spoke as follows: "It has been said that if anyone jumps to the far shore, he shall have a new hat and new clothes for a prize. Three times I shall stop short. Only the fourth time shall I jump."

Wisahkecahk took a running start. He stopped just before he reached the creek. "I shall get my tobacco pouch wet," he thought. "I'll throw it across." As he did so, one partridge flew up. "Oh my! He came very near startling me!" said Wisahkecahk. Again he



came running at the creek. Again he stopped. This time, two partridges flew up. "Goodness, they came mighty near scaring me!" Again he went off. He came running towards the creek and stopped. "This time I shall jump!" Then he came with a running start. He came a-shouting. He kept himself in a high state of excitement. When he jumped, up went the partridges like thunder. Wisahkecahk was scared. He fell in the middle of the water. Those moccasins of his, his breeches and his buffalo robe, he got them all wet. Never again did Wisahkecahk make fun of partridges!

Graduating?

Did you know that in order to attend convocation all account balances (including the graduation fee and any interest) must be paid in full? To ensure this, call CARL for an update on your account and check with your band council. Don't miss your own graduation!

Welcome to our history

On March 12, 1997, the Centre for Native Education will present a living exhibit on the mezzanine of the Hall building. This exhibit is a perfect opportunity for Native people to tell their side of Canadian history and to bring awareness of Native issues to the Concordia community.

Are you a Fine Arts student looking for a little bit of exposure? Maybe you know how to make some traditional arts and crafts or you know

someone who can. If you are interested in contributing to our living exhibit on March 12, 1997, please contact Catherine at 848-7326. Volunteers are always welcome!

Bannock makers needed!

Is your bannock world famous? Then we need you! Please contact the Centre for more information.

Summer jobs

The Canadian Railway Museum is currently looking for tour guides. You must be fluently bilingual. Call or drop by for more information.

The Royal Bank is in the process of recruiting students for a variety of positions. You can pick up an application form at the Centre.

University Writing Test

All students admitted to undergraduate degree programs at Concordia must prove their competence in written expression. This is a graduation requirement.

You may take the University Writing Test as often as necessary to obtain a pass.

Next sitting: Friday, March 7, 1997

Scholarships

Canadian Native Arts Foundation

Deadline: March 31

Income tax

Indians not taxed? Yeah right! Need help with your income tax? Come see us at the Centre. We'll be more than happy to help!

Writing assistants

Do you have an idea for a paper but don't know how to approach it? Are you puzzled and frustrated by an assignment?

If you aren't sure whether your writing is clear; if you want advice on how to organize your ideas or improve your writing, you may want to sign up for a session with a writing assistant.

Writing assistants offer individual help in writing to any Concordia student. Whether you

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are in your first year or at the doctoral level, writing assistants can help you become a better writer. To find out more about this service, please call or drop by the Centre. Or call the Dean of Students office at 848-3517.

Got a sweet tooth?

Spring is here and it's sugar time once again! The Centre for Native Education is planning an outing at a sugar house on Saturday, March 22. Contact Manon or Rena at the Centre for more information.

Participate in a survey!

Aboriginal Women of Montreal is presently conducting a needs and interest survey in order to determine which services are needed and/or available to Native women living in an urban environment. All Native women are invited to join us at the Centre for Native Education on Friday, March 14 at 2:00. Your input is crucial!

Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming events

Wednesday, March 5, 12:00

LB 677

Guest Speaker: Ellen Hagerman

Tales from Guyana: An Examination of Barriers to Communications Between Amerindians and Outsiders.

Tuesday, March 11, 7:00

H-767

Guest Speaker: André Gousse

From Moccasins to Souliers de Boeuf: Cross-Cultural Influence on Native and French Costume in New France

Thursday, April 3, 7:00

LB-125 (De Seve Cinema)

Guest Speaker: René Chartrand

Native Peoples' Impact on the European Art of War in the 17th and 18th Centuries